



Colton Meadow News

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT DELAWARE CITY FIRE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th

**The Colton Meadow Homeowner's
Association Meeting is scheduled:**

DATE: WED. MARCH 17, 2004

TIME: 7:30 PM

**PLACE: DELAWARE CITY FIRE CO. HALL
150 CLINTON ST. DEL. CITY**

Make a right onto Cox Neck Road, and follow Cox Neck Road into Del. City. At the traffic light, proceed straight for 3 blocks, the Firehouse is on your left. Parking is available in the lot or on the side streets.

All residents of Colton Meadow are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for this meeting will include:

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2003 meeting.
2. Old Business:
 - Snow Removal
 - Committee Report
 - Open Space—Reforestation Grant, Planting Day, Entrance Sign
 - Storm Water Management Grant
 - Budget
 - Yard Sale
3. New Business:
 - Approval of 2004-2005 budget
 - Park Clean-Up Day
 - Campaign Interest for 2004
 - Land Use Representation
4. Good of the Association

PLANTING DAY— April 17, 2004 @ 9:00 AM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Colton Meadow will be reforesting a portion of the open space along Cox Neck Road on Saturday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Tim Lucas of DNREC will be coordinating the planting effort. Please come out and join your neighbors and help with the planting. With enough volunteers the project can be done quickly and inexpensively. DNREC offers reimbursement to the community for inkind services. With enough volunteers, we can offset our costs completely. Without your help, this will be a costly undertaking. We need to get an idea of how many homeowners are able to participate. If you are able to help, please contact a Board member. Children are welcome!!!

We need a few volunteers to coordinate refreshments on planting day. If you are interested, please contact one of our Board members.



Minutes from January 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

- Open Space Committee: Discussed purchasing a post and rail fence to separate Colton Meadow from St Georges Heights. Dave Carpenter informed the group of the vandalism and the child that is roaming the development. A new garbage can has been purchased for the playground area. New signs that say "Private Open Space for Colton Meadow Residents Only" are being purchased and will be placed around the boarder of Cox Neck Road. Signs will be dark green with white lettering. Hopefully these signs will deter Barbs Farms residents from using our open space. Signs will also be placed around the playground.
- Open Space Reforestation: The proposal from DNREC was reviewed. Grasses will be planted around the swales on Cobblestone and surrounding the Storm Water Management Facility. Map was shared and space that will receive the trees was reviewed. Janis Beldowicz is looking for scout troops that might be interested in helping out at our planting day. Motion to move forward with the reforestation plan as outlined was approved.
- Storm Water Management Project: Janis Beldowicz passed around pictures of what the facility looked like late summer last year. Proposal that was outlined in the January newsletter was discussed.

New Business:

- Snow plow agreement with Maximum Painting and Contracting Service was reviewed. Posted stakes to identify sewers and these will remain until the end of March. They will remove the stakes. Looking into fire hydrant markers. Have approached United Water to see if they will pay for the hydrant markers and they declined.
- Deed Restriction: Looking into legal action to enforce restriction violators. Assessing fees for violations. Four families have not paid the 2003 assessment and they have been turned over to JP Court.
- Asked for budget ideas for 2004-2005. Looking into purchasing a speed limit posting sign in conjunction with the Delaware City Police Department and Town Officials.
- Discussed dates for community yard sale. Will be either 4/24 or 5/1.
- Dave Carpenter outlined the assessment of the storm water management facility from the various agencies and why what we did didn't work. The estimated cost of maintenance is unsure. Depends on the condition of the facility. Motion approved to press forward with storm water management improvement plan as explained on Page 4.
- A new front entrance sign was discussed. Design and cost will be reviewed at the March meeting.
- Proposals for three year lawn care service will be requested.



DEED RESTRICTION CLARIFICATION

Clarification to Deed Restriction #8—Swimming Pools. The following is a statement defining above ground pools that are prohibited per our Deed Restrictions and New Castle County Code:

No inflatable pool that requires a filter shall be erected or maintained on any Lot. Inflatable pools that do not require a filter are permitted (i.e. kiddie pools); provided they are not in excess of twenty-four (24) inches in depth for the side wall and the water level, when filled, shall not exceed nineteen (19) inches. The erected pool shall be no more than twelve (12) feet in diameter for circular pools and no more than six (6) feet by six (6) feet for rectangular pools. Pools cannot be erected prior to Memorial Day and must be deflated and placed out of view by Labor Day.

DEED RESTRICTIONS ARE ENFORCED UNDER THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND THE POLICY ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IN JUNE OF 2000.

Welcome to our new neighbors...

The Atkinsons - 5 Alden Court
The Rodriguez' - 8 Alden Court
The Poniatowska's - 54 Crestpoint Dr.

* * * COMMUNITY YARD SALE * * * *

It's that time again... The Community Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Time to start cleaning out those closets, basements and attics!!

Your help is needed... If you would like to volunteer to create and post the signs, please contact Kimm Jensen at 838-1866. We also need a volunteer to handle the coordination of placing the ad in the News Journal and on the radio.



Storm Water Management Update

At the January 2004 meeting, Colton Meadow residents voted overwhelmingly to accept the Grant offered by the New Castle County Conservation District to make improvements to our Storm Water Management Facility. A contract for the installation of diffusers, weed control chemicals and maintenance for the season was signed with Envirotech Environmental Consulting, Inc. Additionally, P.A. Nickles Electric will be providing us with an estimate for running the electrical service to the facility.

The cost for the improvements is estimated at \$15,800. This is cost-shared with the District at 75% of the actual cost. The remaining 25% of the cost is the responsibility of Colton Meadow. At a recent meeting, the Board was informed by Frank Piorko (DNREC) that Colton Meadow will receive \$3,000 toward the improvements.

Within the next couple of weeks, Envirotech will be performing storm water management cleanup and maintenance. This project will involve chemical applications to the Storm Water Management Facility. Therefore, we are advising all residents and their children to restrict their activity in and around the water through August.

We will be acquiring the safety sheets on the products used at the facility. If anyone has any questions, please contact a member of the Board.

<p>THANK YOU... JANIS BELDOWICZ for all of her hard work on the Storm Water Management and Reforestation Projects</p>	<p>THANK YOU... MILLARD FAUNCE for all of his hard work on the Storm Water Management Project and for representing Colton Meadow on the Motiva Community Panel</p>
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FRONT ENTRANCE SIGN

A suggestion from a community member has come to fruition. The next page has a summary of activities to explain how the community developed the design, material, and content of the front entrance sign. At the meeting on the 17th, we will vote on the design and final price of the front entrance sign. The community has supported a design set in block, covered fully in stone (Picture B, next page), stone between the two tiers, and name in concrete as in Picture C.

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